

THE ST PAUL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH UNTIL 1927, WHEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILT THE DAYTON COLORED SCHOOL. SADLY, IT BURNED IN 1929. THAT SAME YEAR, THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERED WITH THE ROSENWALD SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRAM TO CONSTRUCT A SCHOOL FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. THE NEW FOUR-ROOM ROSENWALD SCHOOL WAS DEDICATED IN 1934 AND NAMED IN HONOR OF ANNIE COLBERT, A PIONEER IN AFRICAN AMERICAN EDUCATION IN SOUTHEAST TEXAS.

After the integration of black and white students in the late 1960s, the Colbert School expanded to serve all of Dayton Independent School District's fifth and sixth grade students. As Dayton's student population increased, and other schools were built, the Colbert School became the prekindergarten campus.

As a former member of the Texas Historical Commission, I know that this is a great honor for the community, Colbert School alumni, and the Dayton Independent School District.

BRIAN BABIN, D.D.S.,
Member of Congress.

INTRODUCTION OF IMPROVING MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS FOR STUDENTS ACT OF 2021

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2021

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, in 2017, there were more than 47,000 suicides nationwide, making it the tenth-leading cause of death. The COVID-19 pandemic

has only worsened an already serious problem.

Tragically, among teenagers and young adults, the suicide rate is particularly alarming, with suicide the second-leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15 and 24.

For people experiencing suicidal thoughts or emotional distress, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Crisis Text Line provide free and confidential round-the-clock support. Many colleges and universities also offer mental health resources on campus.

To raise awareness of these available resources, the bill simply requires colleges and universities to provide the contact information for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; Crisis Text Line; and a campus mental health center, if applicable, on student identification cards. For colleges and universities that do not provide identification cards to their students, schools must ensure that the information is available on their website.

Suicide is a major public health problem. Providing information on existing suicide prevention resources can help students experiencing suicidal thoughts or emotional distress and potentially save lives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HELEN BANDYKE

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 30, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Helen Bandyke of Dearborn on the occasion of her 100th birthday. Her contributions to our community as a Rosie the Riveter are worthy of commendation.

Born in Detroit, Michigan on March 29, 1921, Mrs. Bandyke attended Cass Technical High School, but moved to Dearborn in 1952 with her young family to be closer to her sister May. During World War II she worked at the Chrysler DeSoto factory building warplanes while her husband Ted served in the war.

Mrs. Bandyke recalls being told by her supervisors to "slow down" as she was working too fast for the production line. To this day she objects to the request because she was determined to singlehandedly win the war and bring her husband home. Beyond her efficient riveting of the plane wings, she frequently gave blood at the Red Cross. As a Rosie the Riveter, Helen's hard work, grit, and patriotism not only sustained the American war effort, but paved a path for the next generation of working women. After her time on the factory floor ended, she worked as an optician until the age of 81.

An active member of her church, St. Anselm's Parish in Dearborn Heights, Mr. and Mrs. Bandyke served as chaperones for the teen club. She is known for being a friendly face at the Arab American Museum and Wayne County Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, where she served as a volunteer. Her lifelong commitment to service reminds us all of the impact that the Rosies have had on our state and nation.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating Helen Bandyke on her 100th birthday. I join with her family—including her three children Sylvia, Mary, and Martin—and friends in extending my best and warmest wishes to her on this special day. I am proud to honor her life, her accomplishments, and her invaluable contributions to our nation.